

AFTERCARE  
SERVICES, MDHHS  
PUBLICATION 858

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Publication 858, After Care Services, describes programs available for youth aging out of foster care in Michigan. Indian youth are eligible for the same aftercare services as non-Indian youth. Information regarding services for Indian children aging out of foster care must be provided to an Indian youth by the Indian youth's assigned caseworker at the time the decision is made to assist the Indian youth to move into independent living, out of foster care.

YOUTH IN  
TRANSITION (YIT OR  
CHAFEE)

Indian youth, like non-Indian youth, are eligible for Youth in Transition (YIT) funds. For eligibility and application information see FOM 950, Youth in Transition; see Tribal Agreement Manual (TAM) for YIT agreements with tribes for additional resources.

YOUNG ADULT  
VOLUNTARY  
FOSTER CARE  
(YAVFC)

Indian youth are eligible for YAVFC services. The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)/Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) apply to YAVFC cases, see FOM 722-16 at <https://dhhs.michigan.gov/OLMWEB/EX/FO/Public/FOM/722-16.pdf#pagemode=bookmarks>.

FOSTER CARE  
TRANSITIONAL  
MEDICAID (FCTMA)

Indian youth who age out of foster care are eligible for FCTMA once the foster care case is closed. This applies to all Indian youth who have aged out of foster care regardless of when the case closed. To be eligible, Indian youth must meet the following criteria:

- Under 21 years of age; and
- At the time of the youth's 18th birthday he/she is in an out-of-home placement under the responsibility of the MDHHS or tribal court; and

- The youth is not currently incarcerated.

Pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act (42 USC 18001 et seq.), Indian children and families may waive their automatic entry into the FCTMA to obtain Indian Health Services (IHS) tribal health care benefits; see FOM 801-805.

#### INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

Indian youth in care are eligible for independent living services under the same eligibility criteria as other youth; see FOM 722-3C Older Youth Preparation, Placement, and Discharge.

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHERS (ETV)

Indian youth are eligible for an ETV if they are eligible for the YIT program; see FOM 960, Education and Training Vouchers.

#### TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

All persons are entitled to equality of access to student financial resources and information. For information on TIP go to the website at [http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-128-60969\\_61016-274565--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-128-60969_61016-274565--,00.html).

#### MICHIGAN YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES INITIATIVE (MYOI)

Current or former foster youth, aged 14 - 23, who were in foster care after they turned age 14, may be eligible for the Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative. Access to the MYOI is available from the FYIT website.

The FYIT website <http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-5439-161180--,00.html> provides information on a variety of issues important to current and former foster youth. The site provides links on how to develop supports, find services, and get answers to important questions.

#### LEGAL BASIS

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) ICWA Final Rule, 25 CFR 23.

Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act,  
42 USC 675 et seq.

Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 USC 1901 et seq.

Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act, 42 USC 18001  
et seq.

Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act, MCL 712B. 1 - 41.